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Letter to Philander Chase

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K. Ch. 2403290
Manchester March 29 1844

My Dear friend

In my last letter directed to you, came
from Mr. Marriott, I gave you my opinion of Mr.
Wheaton's proposals, ~~as communicated to you by Mr.~~
~~Brett~~. A further consideration of the subject has confir-
med that opinion. If you were to accede to their
proposals, your cause would give all the influence
that would induce contributions, and I suppose it would
be expected that you and your friends would apply for
them. What inducements do they hold out? It looks to me
like a proposal of co-partnership from a person without
capital or activity, to one who has both. Perhaps the
harmony and unity of the Church may be looked to,
but in what way; it may be asked, have your
succeedings put either in jeopardy, or what danger
can be apprehended from your plans? May none
if no impracticable measures should be resorted
to to oppose them. I presume the agreement was
signed, and that Bishop Hobart is not now willing
to remove the obstacles to our success, or publicly
or to place them in our way. Consider this last
proposal as a Ruse de guerre to get rid of that
just claim which we have upon him. If he
does not choose to comply with our request
we must do as well as we can without
his influence. I will only add that it would
ruin our plans for procuring subscriptions general-
ly, if the real wounds of Ohio were to be united to
the pretended ones of New York & Connecticut.
All the Americans I have seen say that applicati-
ons for the two latter are unnecessary.

quoted in the Reminiscences

I hope you will gain the support of Dr. Gaskin
and that this gentleman will write you a note
giving his sanction to your application, and if one
could also be procured from Lord Kensington it would be of
great use. I now think a second edition of the appeal
may be advantageously published, and with it such
communications as have been, or may be, made, in
writing by persons of eminence, such as Lord Gambia
Lord Kensington, Dr. Gaskin, Dr. Calvert, (our Standard) &c. &c.
approving of your application, ^{but} with the permission of the parties to that effect.
And to this I would append a list of subscribers
names and terms. Perhaps it would also be proper
to publish (before the names of subscribers) that clause
in your agreement with Bishop Hobart, which
states, that the friends of the Episcopal Church
in America who have opened a subscription on
behalf of the Diocese of Ohio are authorized by Bishop
Hobart & Bishop Chase to state that both these
prelates sanction the application. This would answer
our purpose as well, as to have it inserted in the
British Critic and Christian Messenger -
I give you ~~my~~ opinion openly and fairly, but at
the same time confess my incompetency to advise
and that I have full confidence in your judge-
ment and Mr. Pratt. With this, I send you a letter
from Mr. Knight, also one from Mr. Robinson both
of which were alluded to in mine directed by our
Post Office Leicester. I also send two other letters one
from America and the other from Mr. Rade both of
which were received on Saturday. You will see

What Mr. Pease recommends, and I have written
to him in reply, that I thought you would
visit those places before you left the country.
I also informed him that you were on your
way to London. Perhaps it would do good if you
should write to Mr. Farwell, and to send him
some appeal. This morning I recd the letter from
Mr. Vale and shall not write to him as I do
not know what your agreement was respecting
the stereotype plate, but my impression is that
it would be a distinct present. I hope you will
write to him in reply to his letter which I send
with. If you should conclude to publish,
with the new edition of the appeal, approbatory
notes and letters, I will ask Dr. Calvert's permission,
if it should be thought best to publish his.
You know he is high Church, and would be a
little particular about his company.

The new appeal, with the clause in the agreement
as on the other side, might be put into the
hands of the head Clergy in every town, where
contributions may be asked for, and it would probably
remove any unfavorable impression that Bishop
Hobart's writings may have occasioned. Mr. Johnson
of this place now says that Mr. Harris informed him
that Bishop Hobart had withdrawn his opposition,
and further that he always thought well of our cause.
I am anxious to know what keeps you met with

at Bartlett's buildings, and how the subscriptions
have gone on in London & elsewhere all well at
Patt, and remain most sincerely yours -

J. Wiggins

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March 29
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